

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Knight

J. Semifero-ab

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Finance Director; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Rhett Gronevelt and Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Chris Timmis, Dexter Community School Superintendent; Steve Estes, Attorney for the Village; Scott Munzel, Attorney for the DDA; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – October 14, 2013
2. Work Session – October 14, 2013

Motion Knight; support Tell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 14, 2013 and the Work Session of October 14, 2013 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Semifero absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Chris Timmis – Dexter Community Schools Superintendent

Mr. Timmis introduced himself to Council. He spoke about being on the job for two months and related that the schools are only as strong as the community and the community is only as strong as the schools, they are intertwined and working well together. Mr. Timmis spoke of Dexter schools being a sleeping giant with great teachers, great facilities and a pretty substantial financial picture. Dexter High Schools is in the top 92% in the state and Mill Creek Middle School is in the top 96%. Dexter is one of 26 or 27 in the state offering an IB program. Mr. Timmis reported that he has scheduled a “State of the School” presentation in February 2014 and is working a vision for the district.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Semifero absent

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Don Campbell of 6952 Wellington, Dexter asked if Council has any interest in putting in a dog park in the Village. He stated that this would be a draw for people. Ms. Fisher responded stating that this is on the radar of the Parks and Recreation Commission and invited Mr. Campbell to attend the next meeting of the Commission.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Response Letter from the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS)
4. Letter from Comcast

I. REPORTS

1. Treasurer/Finance Director – Marie Sherry
Fiscal Year 2013/14 First Quarter Report

Ms. Sherry submits her report per packet. Ms. Sherry gave the following updates:

- Tax collection is a little bit down from previous years and Ms. Sherry gave an explanation.
- Ms. Sherry gave an update on Personal Property collection and that taxes on personal property under \$80,000 in value (\$40,000 in taxable value) will not be collected in 2014, the issue will go to a statewide vote in 2014 which will determine what will happen in 2015.
- Revenues are higher this quarter due to the tax collection.
- Field work on the annual audit will start in a week or two.
- Question was asked about credit card usage for payments at the Village office and Ms. Sherry explained that there has been some usage but not a huge amount.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his report per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Should be starting tomorrow (October 29) in taking the tower down and planning on the work taking 14 days.
- Mr. Schlaff was thanked for his report and keeping Council updated. Also complimented on the brush and leaf pickup.
- The question was raised on the asphalt issue on Main Street and Mr. Schlaff explained that they noticed that it is not just a front tire issue and will be evaluating.
- Question was raised if water has been extended to the property on Third Street between Dover and Edison. (Not yet)
- Question raised about crack sealing and explained that they are done with this for the season.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Farmers Market/Community Garden – Olga Austin

Ms. Austin provided a report on the Community Garden. She thanked the Village for the new watering system for the garden and have many more asking for plots for next year.

4. Subcommittee Reports -None

Economic Preparedness
Facilities
Roads
Utility
Website

5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Have an agreement with Hopp Electric on the Dexter Library lighting and it should be done within the next few weeks.
- There are no updates in the 5H Intervention request or the 1.5% police services increase request.
- Patrick Droze explained what is happening on the River Terrace project. They are working on a consensus on what will be happening with the trail and the Village will probably be responsible for picking up the cost of the asphalt drive to the DPW of \$50,000 and hope that the county will share the estimated \$35,000 cost for the storm sewer outlet. The question was raised regarding the fence along the railroad track and Mr. Droze explained that this is between the county and MDOT.

Mr. Semifero entered the meeting at 8:10 PM.

- Patrick Droze spoke of the modification on the Central Street Project at the Dexter Mill which features a mountable curb. At this point President Keough opened a non-arranged participation session and the following persons spoke:
- Lori Hollenbeck of 3558 Central Street, Dexter spoke of living across from the Dexter Mill and doesn't understand why the Village wants to make a change at the Mill. Agrees we do need some improvements but leave the Mill alone.
- Marilyn Wilkie of 8775 Island Lake Road, Dexter stated that she has been in the area for 66 years and the Mill looks good like it is. This progress isn't needed and if it isn't broke, don't fix it.
- Larry Gilbert of 3194 N. Territorial Road, Ann Arbor said that he was first introduced to the Dexter Mill project last Saturday when he saw the graphics in the parking area. The Dexter Mill is a destination and he often visits other businesses in Dexter when he comes to the Mill. He mentioned that he has experience with engineering and design, that attention be paid to the safety and infrastructure as well as the uniqueness of the facility, and that the parties continue their discussion.
- Paul Wilkie of 8775 Island Lake Road, Dexter spoke to Dexter being a town of history and historic preservation and that the Mill was built in 1918.
- Evelyn Smith of 7810 Fifth Street, Dexter remembered a few years ago of the proposed sidewalk project on Edison Street. She spoke of the Dexter Mill and their contributions to 4-H and that they are an asset to the community as well as a viable taxpaying business. She also spoke about the marking on the ground in the parking lot and attempting to park.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- There will be a special DDA Meeting on Wednesday, October 30.
- The Regional Fire Department will hold a joint meeting at Webster Township Hall on October 30 at 7 PM.
- The Facility Committee took a tour of two area fire departments at Ann Arbor Township and Superior Township who have recently built newer facilities.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$436,775.49

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps

The Charter Commission Election will be held on November 5 and the meet the candidates will be held on Sunday November 3 at 2 PM at the Dexter District Library.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Entering into a Settlement Agreement between the Village of Dexter, Blackhawk Development Corporation, Dexter Crossing LLC, John Kingsley Jr., and Dexter Development Company LLC and a Conveyance Agreement between the Village of Dexter, Blackhawk Development Corporation, and Dexter Crossing LLC

Motion Carson; support Fisher to enter into a Settlement Agreement between the Village of Dexter, Blackhawk Development Corporation, Dexter Crossing LLC, John Kingsley Jr., and Dexter Development Company LLC and a Conveyance Agreement between the Village of Dexter, Blackhawk Development Corporation, and Dexter Crossing LLC and authorize the Village Manager to sign on behalf of the Village and Steve Estes to finalize the documents.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Tell and Keough
Nays: Semifero
Motion carries 6 to 1

2. Discussion of: Sludge Project Update

Rhett Gronevelt gave an update and explained the issues with the project. Some of the systems installed as part of the project are beginning to come online but the substantial completion will be delayed about two months. This could result in liquidated damages being issued to the contractor and will create a problem with the sludge storage capacity for the Village.

3. Consideration of: 1st Quarter Budget Amendments

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve the 1st Quarter Budget Amendments as proposed the Finance Director.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	None

Jones	None
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND A DOCUMENT COVERED UNDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268

Motion Fisher; support Carson to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations and a document covered under attorney/client privilege in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 9:16 PM.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Tell to leave closed session at 11:13 PM.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins, Fisher and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to adjourn at 11:14 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing:_____